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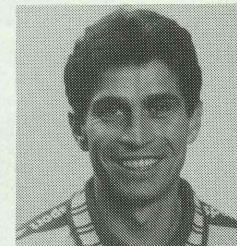
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## Coach's Comment



Frank Farina

**Firstly I would like to welcome you all back to what is shaping up to be a very exciting and challenging season for the Strikers.**

Coming off the back of an absolutely fantastic season, both on and off the field, expectations are understandably high from supporters, sponsors, media, officials and players alike.

Our off-season produced many changes. On the player front, we've lost Jason Polak, Chris Zoricich, Craig Williams and Steve Jackson, four very experienced and valuable players from last season's campaign.

Unfortunately, that's football and I'm sure other teams at some stage will experience similar player movements.

On the recruitment side, we've managed to sign Wayne Knipe, Kasey Wehrman and Matt Bell from the QAS, Jeromy Harris from Marconi, and local players Damien Waugh and Vedran Becirbegovic.

These players give the Strikers a much younger look and I'm confident that with the nucleus of last season's squad blending with our up and coming youth, we will again be a force in the Ericsson Cup.

The young lads came through last Sunday's match against Adelaide City with flying colours. The 0-0 draw could quite easily have been a victory to us.

From a personal outlook, this year will again be a challenge and I'm looking forward to my new role as player/coach.

You can rest assured that I'll be giving 100 per cent both on and off the field, so settle back and enjoy the football.

It's going to be a fantastic season!



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## Defence back to strength

The Strikers will welcome the return of several key players tonight when they attempt to take their first win of the 1996/97 season against the Newcastle Breakers.

Last week's 0-0 draw with Adelaide City gave the Strikers their first point of the season and this was achieved without the services of player/coach Frank Farina, new signing Jeremy Harris, and defenders Mark Battistin and Glenn Gwynne. Three of these players should make it on the park tonight.

Farina should resume his role up front, while Battistin will return from a one-match suspension and Gwynne appears to be fully recovered from a knock he received at training last week.

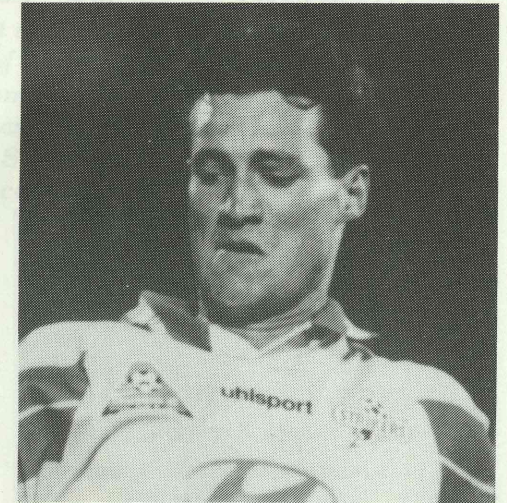
Brisbane supporters will not see Harris for at least another six weeks. The attacking midfielder underwent surgery on an abdominal injury on Thursday, following an awkward fall at training a couple of weeks ago.

Former Young Socceroo Brad Ditton remains sidelined with an ankle injury, while Matt Bell is still in South America with the current Young Socceroos.

Farina said he was pleased to have two regular defenders back in the squad after having to thrust midfielders Danny Wright and Chay Hews into the defence last Sunday night.

"Danny and Chay did a superb job on Sunday night but it will be good to have 'Batts' and 'Gwynnie' back on board, for no other reason than that it will give us a few more options against Newcastle," Farina said.

The Strikers coach made it clear the Breakers would be very formidable opposition, particularly in the wake of their 6-1 victory against West Adelaide last weekend.



*Mark Battistin will return tonight after serving a one match suspension which he incurred in the Johnnie Walker Cup*

"They will be extremely bouyed by their first round win and 'Kossie' (John Kosmina) will have them really fired up for this one," Farina said.

"We're expecting a very tough game, but I'm confident if we play like we have been, we will come out on top after the 90 minutes."

Farina maintained Newcastle's combination of youth and experience would make them a better side than they were last season.

He suggested young striker Jason Bennett, who knocked in four of his side's six goals last week, along with former Socceroo David Lowe and former Kiwi International Robbie Ironside, could be players to watch for in the Breakers side tonight.

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## Farina - adding to the legend

*He set Suncorp Stadium alight last season with 20 sensational goals and gave Queensland soccer a new lease of life with his professional attitude and friendly demeanour. Yet when he was announced as the coach of the Brisbane Strikers several months ago, the cynics came out in numbers. Incredibly, It seems Frank Farina, a man with 67 Socceroo caps to his name, still has something to prove to Queensland soccer fans.*

Since signing with the Strikers a little more than a year ago, Farina has become the face of Queensland soccer and a household name throughout the state.

His achievements through the years will mark him down as one of Australia's finest sporting heroes and arguably the greatest soccer player this country has produced.

But the pressure has fallen squarely on Farina's shoulders since his acceptance of the coaching position in July. It seems past glories could fade into nothing if the Strikers do not match their outstanding performances of last season.

"I'd be lying if I said I didn't feel under pressure to emulate last season's achievements," Farina said.

"But the player/coaching role presents a fresh challenge to me and a new opportunity, so I am looking forward to ensuring the Strikers remain a force in the Ericsson Cup.

"We have a great squad this year, despite losing a few players, and the atmosphere in the side is the best I've seen it since my time at the club.

"There is no doubt in my mind that we are finals material."

Farina knows he has a huge task in front of him, but his confidence and determination are qualities that Strikers administrators are hoping will flow down to the rest of the squad.

Already the side has displayed glimpses of brilliance in the leadup to the Ericsson Cup season.



Coach Farina with Vedran Becirbegovic

The Strikers progressed as far as the semi-finals of the Johnnie Walker Cup, their best ever result in the pre-season tournament.

The appointment of Alan Hunter as captain of the team is also proving to be a master stroke by Farina. The experienced defender is looking the best he has for a couple of seasons, with renewed enthusiasm and a look of fierce determination in his eyes.

Farina would not make any solid predictions for the Strikers as they enter their Ericsson Cup campaign, but you get the feeling that anything this man touches, turns to gold.

"Everything is pointing towards a fantastic season for the Strikers," Farina said.

"I think we built a magnificent foundation last year.

"The Queensland public really warmed to the team last season and I believe we have established ourselves as one of the state's higher profiled sporting outfits."



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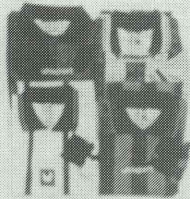


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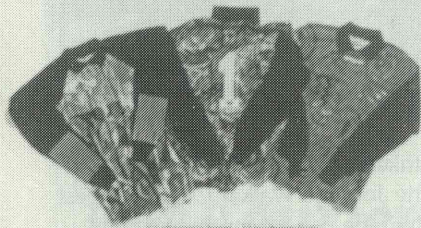
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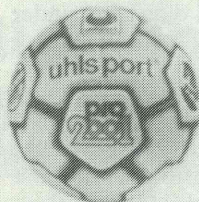


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# New blood for club's future

In the last 12 months the Strikers have built a fantastic reputation. A number of key player losses during the off-season though had left a gap in the team's depth. However a new crop of players is emerging to fill this void.

The QAS has proved to be the primary breeding ground for the new Strikers.

Three new recruits this year, Matt Bell, Wayne Knipe and Kasey Wehrman, all 19 years of age, takes the total number of QAS graduates to the Strikers to seven. Other Strikers to emerge from the Academy include Socceroo Sean Cranney, former Young Socceroo Brad Ditton and youngsters Chay Hews and Reece Tollenaere.

The addition of three more squad players, 23 year old Vedran Becirbegovic, Damien Waugh 22, and 21 year old Jeromy Harris, has helped bring the average age of the squad down from 28 to a spritely 24 this season.

And according to Frank Farina it's all part of a youth policy direction he believes the Strikers had to implement this year.

"These guys are the future as far as the Strikers go and it was necessary to secure some quality young talent to ensure the club maintained its short term goals and

progressed successfully to its longer term ones," Farina said.

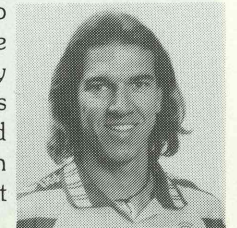
"Obviously there is always a risk involved when you take a chance on youth, but these lads are players who I believe have the potential to go



Jeromy Harris

as far as they want in the game.

"The other aspect to all of this is that the side isn't getting any younger, so it's important we blood these guys in preparation for next year and beyond.

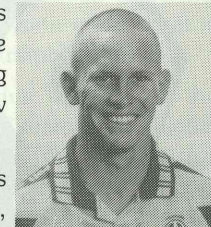


Damien Waugh

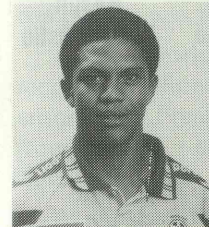
"This will be the year these guys come of age and forge a name at the National Level."



Vedran Becirbegovic



Kasey Wehrman



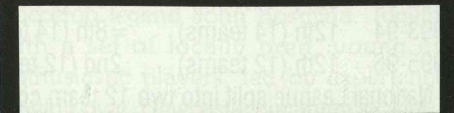
Wayne Knipe



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Season	Final Position	Cup Placing	Avg Home Crowds	Result In Brisbane	Result In Newcastle
<b>As KB United/Rosebuds</b>					
1978	11th (14 teams)	=3rd (32 teams)	8,500	-	-
1979	6th (14 teams)	=3rd (32 teams)	10,200	-	-
1980	6th (14 teams)	=9th (32 teams)	6,400	-	-
1981	10th (16 teams)	=29th (36 teams)	5,300	-	-
1982	12th (16 teams)	=9th (16 teams)	4,400	-	-
1983	5th (16 teams)	=5th (16 teams)	2,900	-	-
1984▲	8th (12 teams)	1st (24 teams)	1,700	-	-
1985▲	12th (12 teams)	=3rd (24 teams)	1,500	-	-
1986▲	6th (12 teams)	=9th (32 teams)	1,800	-	-
<b>As Breakers</b>					
1991-92	11th (14 teams)	=8th (14 teams)	4,200	5-3*(N)	0-0*
1992-93	8th (14 teams)	=9th (14 teams)	3,700	5-0*(N)	2-1*(N)
1993-94	12th (14 teams)	=8th (14 teams)	2,800	1-0(B)	2-0(B)
1995-96	12th (12 teams)	2nd (12 teams)	3,700	5-0(B), 3-2(B)	0-0

▲ National League split into two 12 team conferences. Newcastle in Northern Conference

\* As Brisbane United

## Breakers still seeking glory

*In 1951 a group of migrants from the Greta camp in Newcastle came together to form a football team. Arriving from all parts of Europe, these men were itching to apply their footballing skills developed back in their homelands, in their new nation. And so the Austral club was born.*

Originally accepted into the North NSW second division, the club won their first Northern NSW first division grand final in 1966, repeating this triumph in 1969.

Continuing to thrive throughout the 1970's and 80's, Austral searched for higher ranked company. In 1988 Newcastle Austral entered the NSW state league first division, reaching the semi-finals at their first attempt.

In 1990 a major sponsorship deal with BHP Steel was announced and Austral's playing headquarters was vastly upgraded courtesy of a substantial loan from the NSW government.

In that same year, the Bradley Report, commissioned by the National League Executive, determined it was imperative that a team from the NSW Hunter region be included in the National League, if the competition was to continue successfully.

A hard working committee and the recommendations of the Bradley Report ensured the Breakers - direct descendants from Austral - set foot in the 1991-92 National League.

At the same time, north of the boarder, Brisbane United was born. In both teams' debut National League seasons, Newcastle finished several places below Brisbane, despite the Breakers winning both league matches. And despite being in the league for one year less than most of the Ericsson Cup clubs, the Breakers have the impressive record of scoring more goals in Brisbane than any other visiting team.

Previously, soccer fever hit the Hunter region in the form of Newcastle KB United, which was formed in 1977. Crowds at KB

*Strikers  
young gun  
Kasey  
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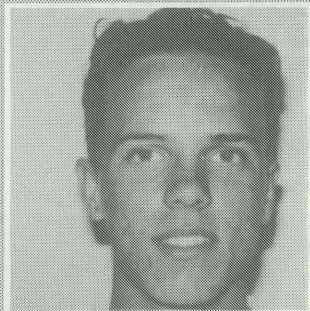
United's games regularly surpassed 10,000, peaking at 18,367 against Sydney Olympic in April 1979.

British football legend Bobby Charlton played for the club in 1978, and in that same year, and again in 1982, one of Newcastle's favourite sons - FA Cup goal scorer Craig Johnston - came home to play with KB United.

The Breakers are unlikely winners in the ARL/Super League war. In 1995 the Newcastle franchise, Hunter Mariners, chose the magnificent Breakers Stadium as their headquarters. Subsequently, several hundred thousand extra dollars have been pumped into the new ground to help make it one of the most impressive Ericsson Cup bases.

Last year the Breakers management scored another coup when they signed Socceroo legend John Kosmina. Together with a set of locally bred, young and enthusiastic players, led by experienced David Lowe, Newcastle are again looking to become a hotbed of soccer in Australia.





## STEPHEN BLAND

**Q.A.S.**

**Born:** 26/4/79

**Where:** Brisbane

**Previous club:** Wynnum

**Position:** Sweeper

**Nickname:** "Blandy"

**Game Play -**

**Best ~** Long balls, vision

**Worst ~** Tackling

**Honours:** Qld Jnrs

**Hobbies:** Surfing, shopping

**Favourites -**

**O/S Club ~** Ajax

**Food ~** Lasagne

**Drink ~** Orange Juice

**TV Show ~** Simpsons

**Flick ~** Forest Gump

**Actor ~** Keanu Reeves

**Actress ~** Nicole Kidman

**Band ~** Jodeci

**Comedian ~** Eddie Murphy

**Dislikes:** Losing

**Ambition:** To play overseas at the highest level I can.

## Shades of BROWN...

I'd like to welcome everyone to the new season. We have a great crop of young players from throughout Queensland in the Academy this season and the team is really looking forward to a successful year.



Greg Brown

It's very pleasing to see the Strikers signing three more of the QAS players from last year.

I think their selections are testimony to their tremendous dedication during their time with the Academy.

Already Matt Bell has had the honour of being the first in the group to wear the green and gold of Australia. Congratulations Matt!

Last week's first match against the AIS was a great hit-out for the lads. It's always nice to play the AIS first up so that our players can match themselves up against the best in the country and we can get an early indication of the amount of work we'll need to do to have a successful season.

We've not had many pre-season games so we are not yet as organised as we would like to be. However there are some new faces in the squad that I'm sure will catch your eye this year.

We will be a very young squad compared to last year but because of the depth in the Strikers this season, we can afford to bring in some younger boys, and they will be able to learn from the older players.

Although this is an under 20 competition, the average age of the QAS squad this season is just under 17.

The reason for this young average is because the QAS is targeting players who will be eligible for selection for the Joeys (U17) next year and the Young Socceroos (U20) in three years time.

## QAS Squad NEWS

Queensland stole the limelight in the recent National Talent Identification Series at Rochedale Rovers Soccer Club.

The Maroons easily took out the U14 competition, going through the tournament undefeated and delivering the knock-out punch to South Australia 3-0 in the final.

Queensland was not as fortunate in the U15 competition however, losing 1-0 to New South Wales in the final, the goal coming in the opening minutes of extra time.

QAS coaches Greg Brown and Mike Mulvey were present throughout the tournament and indicated they were keen to get a hold of some of Queensland's young stars to develop them for the Joeys and Australian Youth squads.

"I've already been in contact with several of the boys," Brown said, "...and we'll be contacting more in the near future.

"It's reassuring to see the talent that's coming through the junior ranks in Queensland and I think the future looks very promising for soccer in the state."

Meanwhile, the QAS did not get off to the start they wanted to week against the AIS, going down 3-1.

The Academy looked certain to hold the AIS to a 1-1 draw, but the home side scored twice in injury time to take the match.

Andrew Packer scored the QAS' goal in their 3-1 loss to the AIS last weekend in Canberra



**N.B.** We apologise for the absence of the Les Scheinflug Youth Table from this edition of *Eye On Strikers*.

Unfortunately, they were not made available to us at the time of printing. We hope to include the Youth Table next week.

### THE ACADEMY LINEUP...

- Andrew Packer
- Chris Day
- Duncan Easton
- Shane Steffanuto
- Aaron Bristow
- Todd Rumble
- Clint McDermott
- Craig Barnes
- Owen Filewood
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## GLENN GWYNNE

**No 2**

**Born:** 22/2/72

**Where:** Mossman, Nth Qld

**Previous club:** Parramatta

**Position:** Defender

**Nickname:** "Gwynnie"

**Game Play -**

**Best ~** Tackling

**Worst ~** Scoring

**Honours:** Aust. Schoolboys

**Hobbies:** Fishing

**Favourites.....**

**O/S Club ~** Spurs

**Food ~** Italian

**Drink ~** Beer

**TV Show ~** The X Files

**Flick ~** Shawshank Redemp

**Actor ~** Tom Hanks

**Actress ~** Demi Moore

**Comedian ~** My Brother

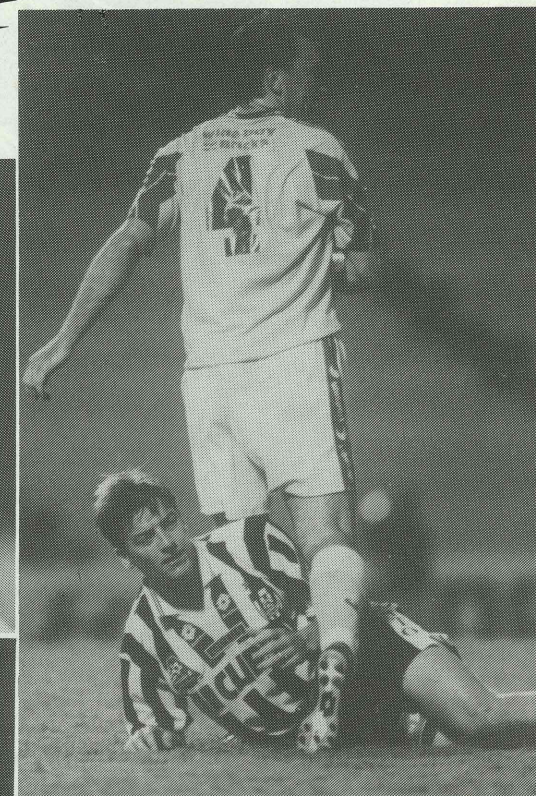
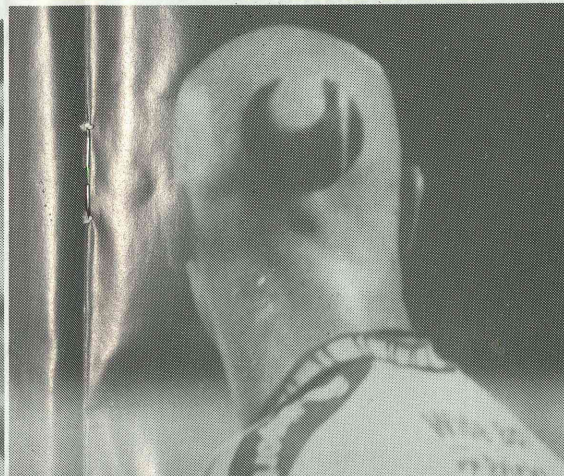
**Dislikes:** Rude People

**Like to Meet:** No idea

**Ambition:** To be healthy and happy.

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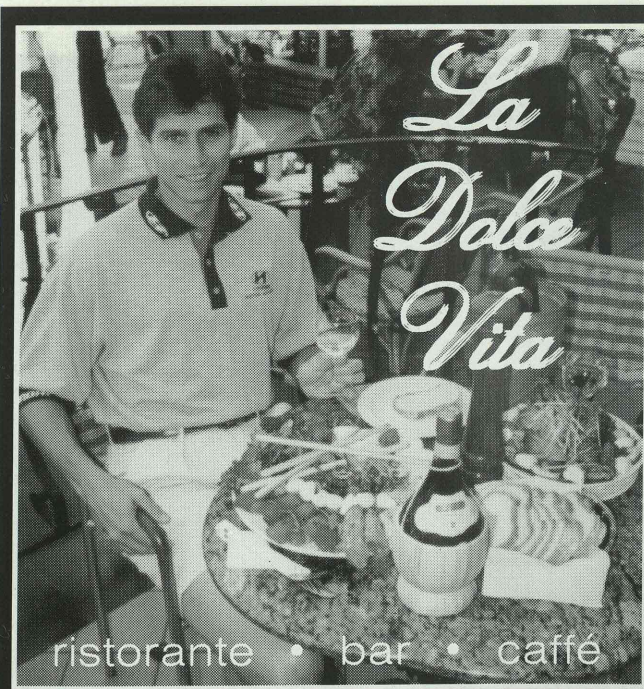
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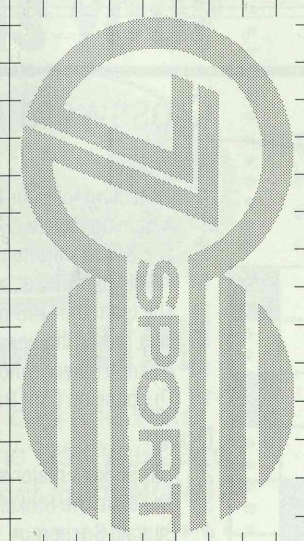
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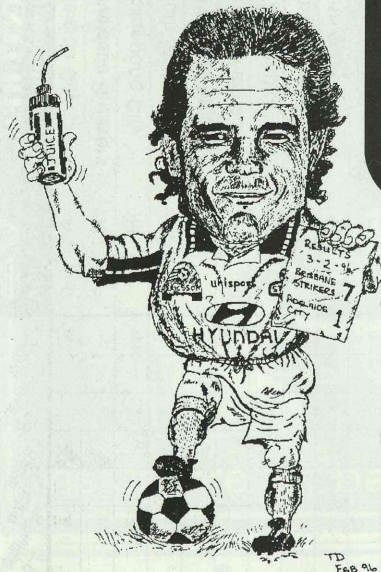
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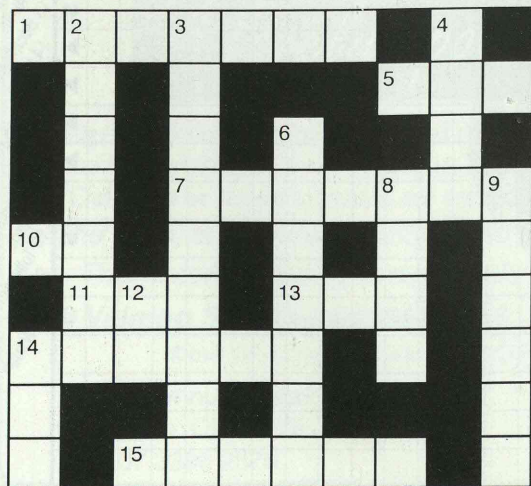
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## LIGHTNING CROSSWORD

### Crossword Clues



**Across**

- 1 Protection for your leg
- 5 A training device "Soccer \_\_\_\_"
- 7 The Strikers brothers
- 10 Initials of a Striker, and ex Young Socceroo
- 11 The team the QAS played in its first game
- 13 This marks the penalty spot
- 14 A Dutch player, whose name is a season
- 15 The position Clint Bolton plays

**Down**

- 2 The Strikers major sponsor
- 3 The team the Strikers are playing tonight
- 4 Captain Socceroo
- 6 Danish striker who plays with Glasgow Rangers
- 8 These are put behind the goals to stop the balls
- 9 The colour of the Strikers jersey
- 12 Opposite of "out"
- 14 What the Strikers want to do tonight

## FIND THE STRIKERS

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 O Y N P X N T R Y U K  
 N U N I A T S I U F E  
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There are 10 Strikers hidden in the box opposite. Can you find them?



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- DENOSRII
- KOTIFCT
- ICERTHI
- DROPS



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# Strike Squad *NEWS*

by Thor

## Here We Go!

Welcome Strike Squad people and potential Squadders to another exciting season of hot soccer action at Suncorp Stadium. With a few new faces in the team and a new coach, this is such an important season and we need everyone to make the effort to really get behind the boys. We all believe that our new coach, Frank Farina, will be kept very busy this year with his on and off the pitch jobs, so now is the time to really show your colours and support the Strikers to the hilt. To help you feel the part, the Bolt Vault has gathered a great new array of supporters merchandise to keep the flag flying so hop on down and see Phil for all the latest paraphernalia.

## Up For The Cup

Already the Strikers have had great start to the season with a semi-final place in the Johnnie Walker Cup. Many of you will no doubt have seen the boys take on Brisbane Lions in the first round. It was great to see some of the Strike Squad stalwarts turn up for a pre-season warm-up at Perry Park. I hope that all of you "senior" members will do everything possible to bring new people into the Squad and really make the new signings from the QAS feel at home. As always, any new songs or chants you can invent are more than welcome, although I do ask you to run them by myself or Tony Fraser first.

## Win Win Win!

With a bit of help from you Squadders, I hope to be able to run a fun competition throughout this season. Any Squadders who come up with innovative and imaginative head gear, costumes, face painting or signs will be in the running for a great prize. Details are still being finalised but it is hoped that some Strikers merchandise will be available

for the best designs. This is a tremendous opportunity to get those creative juices flowing and win some exciting prizes.

## Stewie's Gone Fishing

Some of you Squadders may notice the absence of regular Squadder Stewie Holmes at tonight's game. Stewie's actually seeing relatives and friends in the UK and catching plenty of football including the England v Poland World Cup Qualifier at Wembley later this month. Stewie's itinerary will include many soccer games, and he will not only be looking at how other supporters groups get behind their teams but he could be also taking a few merchandise orders on behalf of the Strikers. We look forward to Stewie's return for the match against UTS Olympic on November 23. Send us a postcard mate!



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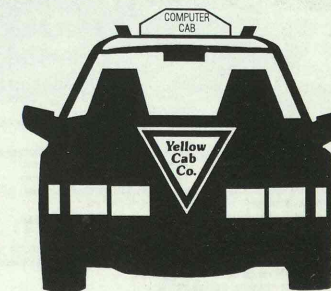
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 Inter Milan - Lazio - Strikers - South  
 Melbourne - Sydney United - AC Milan -  
 Napoli - Croatia - Olyroos - Spain -  
 France - Germany - Newcastle United -  
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 Bulgaria - Frankfurt - Koln - Bremen - AC  
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*with Alan Hunter*



**It's a new year and a new era for the  
 Brisbane Strikers and it's great to be  
 back at Suncorp Stadium playing in  
 front of the best supporter base in the  
 Ericsson Cup.**

Last season's overall performance both on and off the field must be used by all players, supporters and staff as a fantastic learning curve for this year's challenge for success. Winning the Championship is any team's ultimate goal. Despite a number of personnel changes in the club, we are once again a genuine Championship contender and we need to recognise the talent and success of the QAS graduates, who have become the Strikers new blood, Wayne Knipe, Kasey Wehrman and Matt Bell. These lads are our future! Get Behind them and make them feel at home.

The Strikers are beginning to forge a high profile within the sporting community but there is still a lot of work to be done to convert more Queenslanders to the "World Game". We must continue our efforts, on and off the field, if we are to attract more Queensland supporters to the most popular game on the globe. Already things are improving off the field, and Frank's appointment as player/coach is a move that every player in the team has fully endorsed. Tonight will be Frank's first real test as player/coach so make sure you show him your support.

I know that task won't be very hard for the Strike Squad to perform. These guys

have been fantastic throughout the years and I can speak first hand on this, because I grew up and played with a lot of the fellas in my junior days with Acacia Ridge. I know the team is looking forward to hearing some of the familiar chants from last season and possibly some new ones also. Let's just hope the Strike Squad will be able to improve on Mark Bosnich's crowd stirring tactics!

Tonight's visitors, Newcastle, had a dream home debut last week against West Adelaide when they posted a 6-1 victory. They are a much improved side under wily coach John Kosmina, who commands a competitive spirit from his players. This alone, will ensure that football will once again be the winner for the supporters at our first home game of the season.

On a personal note, it's an honour to regain the captaincy of the Strikers, but in all reality, it doesn't change the way I'll approach things this season. The only difference is that I'll have to wear a black armband throughout the year.

In response to the *Sunday Mail* a few weeks ago which labelled me a smoker, I will say that I enjoy the rare social cigarette or cigar usually when celebrating something special. I'll even "bum" the odd one or two off Rod "Bunger" Brown (I'm sure he won't mind me saying that). But I always thought you had to purchase the "cancer sticks" to be classified as a "regular smoker". I certainly don't fit into that category, but it was nice to be mentioned in such elite company as Shane Warne and Laurie Daley!

Finally, a special award to my wife Helen, who celebrates her birthday tonight. See you at the far post honey!

*Enjoy our world game*

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# Eye on Strikers Tables

## ERICSSON CUP

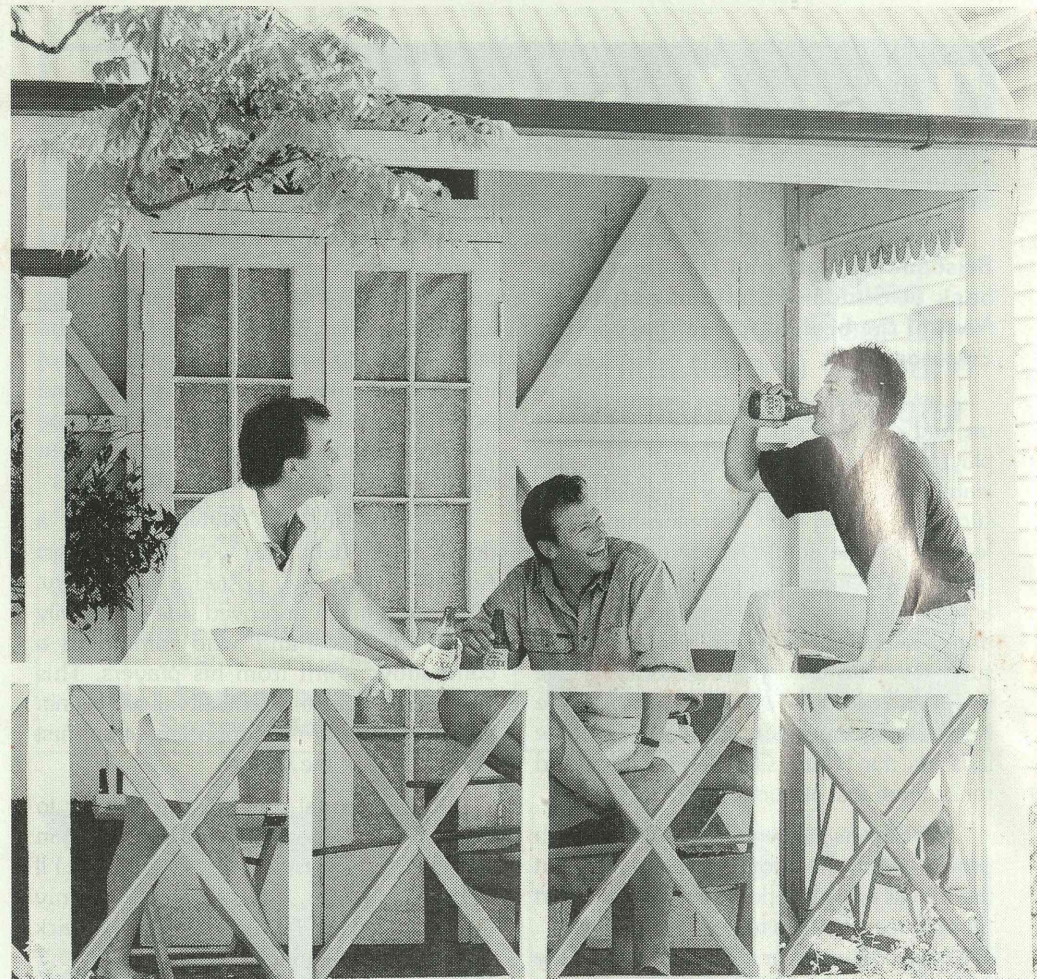
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NEWCASTLE BREAKERS	1	1	0	0	6	1	3
UTS OLYMPIC	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
COLLINGWOOD	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
MARCONI FAIRFIELD	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
SYDNEY UNITED	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
WOLLONGONG CITY	1	0	1	0	3	3	1
ADELAIDE CITY	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
GIPPSLAND FALCONS	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
<b>STRIKERS</b>	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
SOUTH MELBOURNE	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
CANBERRA COSMOS	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
PERTH GLORY	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
MELBOURNE KNIGHTS	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
WEST ADELAIDE	1	0	0	1	1	6	0

### THIS WEEK'S ERICSSON CUP MATCHES

- SAT OCT 19 Marconi Fairfield v Collingwood
- SAT OCT 19 Strikers v Newcastle Breakers
- SUN OCT 20 Sth Melbourne v Sydney United
- SUN OCT 20 Melbourne Knights v Gippsland
- SUN OCT 20 UTS Olympic v Canberra Cosmos
- SUN OCT 20 West Adelaide v Perth Glory
- SUN OCT 20 Wollongong City v Adelaide City

## ERICSSON CUP HOT SHOTS

Jason Bennett	Newcastle	4
Walter Ardone	UTS Olympic	2
Matthew Horsley	Wollongong	2
Kimon Taliadoros	Collingwood	2
Mark Babic	Sydney Utd	1
Sean Babic	Marconi	1
Con Boutsianis	Collingwood	1
Craig Foster	Marconi	1
Nick Josevski	Wollongong	1
Norman Kelly	Canberra	1
Ante Milicic	Sydney Utd	1
Jamie Perin	West Adelaide	1
Marko Perinovich	Canberra	1
Alan McKenzie	Perth Glory	1
Glenn Sprod	Newcastle	1
Scott Thomas	Newcastle	1
Norman Tome	UTS Olympic	1
David Zdrilic	Sydney Utd	1
Vlado Zoric	Marconi	1



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# ERICSSON CUP 1996/97



## BRISBANE STRIKERS

- 1 Clint Bolton - FO
- 2 Glenn Gwynne
- 3 Matthew Bell - YS
- 4 Alan Hunter - FS (C)
- 5 Brad Ditton - FYS
- 6 Gary Phillips
- 7 Frank Farina - FS
- 8 Sean Cranney - S
- 9 Rod Brown - FS
- 10 Danny Wright - FYS
- 11 Troy Cranney - FYS
- 12 Mark Battistin
- 13 Vedran Becirbegovic
- 14 Wayne Knipe
- 15 Andrew Brayshaw
- 16 Chay Hews
- 17 Kasey Wehrman
- 18 Jeromy Harris
- 19 Reece Tollenare
- 20 Graham Ross
- 21 Damien Waugh
- Coach - Frank Farina

## NEWCASTLE BREAKERS

- 1 Adam Fittock
- 2 Shane Pryce
- 3 Glen Sprod
- 4 Glenn Moore
- 5 Peter Ritchie
- 6 Robert Ironside - OI
- 7 Scott Thomas
- 8 David Lowe - FS
- 9 Clayton Zane - YS
- 10 Troy Halpin
- 11 Gary Wilson
- 12 Todd McManus
- 13 Andrew Roberts
- 14 Jason Bennett
- 15 Mark Wilson
- 16 Craig Sharpley
- 17 Matthew Austin
- 18 Harry James
- 19 Liam McGuire
- 20 Liam Baker
- 21 Evis Heath
- 22 Ryan Smith
- Coach - John Kosmina

Legend: O - Olyroo, YS - Young Soccerroo, S - Soccerroo, FS - Former Soccerroo,  
FYS - Former Young Soccerroo, FO - Former Olyroo, OI - Other International



# The Strikers



1 Clint BOLTON



2 Glenn GWYNNE



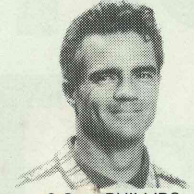
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8 Sean CRANNEY



9 Rod BROWN



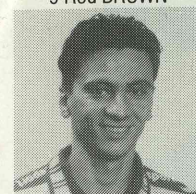
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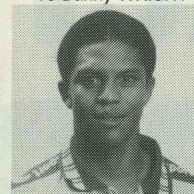
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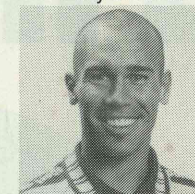
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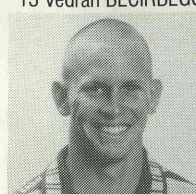
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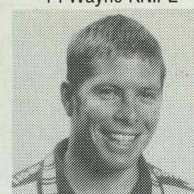
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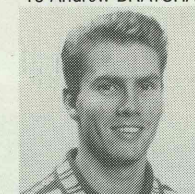
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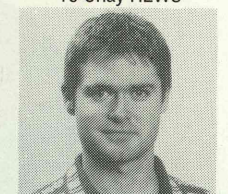
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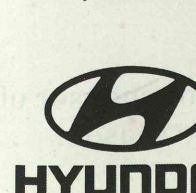
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19 Reece TOLLENAERE



20 Graham ROSS



21 Damien WAUGH



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